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APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES PATENT  
DECLARATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor  
(if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: Honeycomb Structure

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- \*a. ☐ attached hereto.  
b. ☐ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ and amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).  
c. ☒ described and claimed in PCT International Application No. PCT/JP2004/016760 filed on Nov. 11, 2004 and  
as amended under PCT Article 19/34 on \_\_\_\_\_ (if any).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

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Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-382536 filed on November 12, 2003.

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